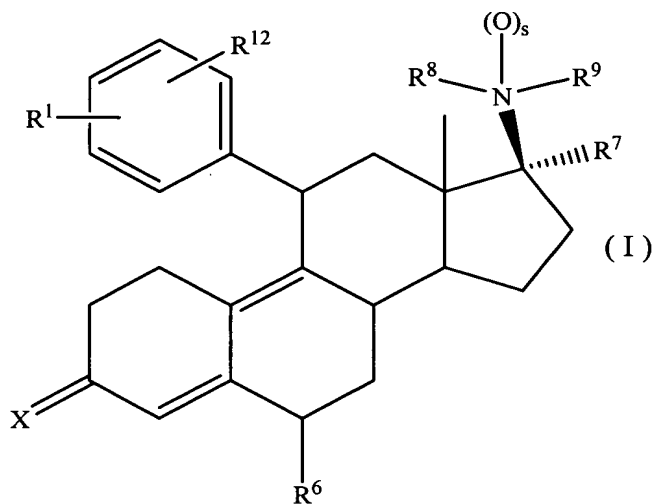


IN THE CLAIMS

1-2 (Canceled)

3. (Currently amended) A steroid structure I



R¹-Ph is 4-aminophenyl, 4-(N-methylamino)phenyl, 4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl, 4-(N-piperidino)phenyl, 4-(N-pyrrolidino)phenyl or 4-(N-morpholino)phenyl;

R¹² is H or halo;

X is O or NOH;

R⁶ is H;

R⁷ is 1-propynyl or 3,3,3-trifluoropropyn-1-yl[[,]] ;

s is 0 or 1;

R⁸ is H; and

R⁹ is CHO or CH₃CO.

4-6 (Canceled)

7. (previously presented) A method of therapeutically treating the activity of progesterone comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of Claim 3 to a patient in need thereof for a therapeutic purpose.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the treatment of endometriosis or uterine fibroids.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said therapeutic purpose is cervical ripening preparatory to labor and delivery of offspring.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the control or regulation of fertility.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said therapeutic purpose is hormone replacement therapy.

13-15 (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of Claim 7, further comprising administering one or more pharmacologically active compounds.

17. (Canceled)

18. (previously presented) The steroid compound
11 β -(4-(N,N-dimethylamino)phenyl)-17 β -(N-formamido)-17 α -(1-propynyl)estra-4,9-dien-3-one.

19. (previously presented) A method of therapeutically treating the activity of progesterone comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 18 to a patient in need thereof for a therapeutic purpose.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the treatment of endometriosis or uterine fibroids.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said therapeutic purpose is cervical ripening preparatory to labor and delivery of offspring.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the control or regulation of fertility.

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said therapeutic purpose is hormone replacement therapy.

24. (previously presented) The method of Claim 19, further comprising administering one or more pharmacologically active compounds.

25. (previously presented) The steroid compound
 17β -(N-formamido)- 11β -(4-(N-piperidino)phenyl)- 17α -(1-propynyl)estra-4,9-dien-3-one.

26. (previously presented) A method of therapeutically treating the activity of progesterone comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of claim 25 to a patient in need thereof for a therapeutic purpose.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the treatment of endometriosis or uterine fibroids.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said therapeutic purpose is cervical ripening preparatory to labor and delivery of offspring.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said therapeutic purpose is the control or regulation of fertility.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said therapeutic purpose is hormone replacement therapy.

31. (previously presented) The method of Claim 26, further comprising administering one or more pharmacologically active compounds.